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Ms. J. A. Hedges, Program Manager
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Dear Ms. Hedges:

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL EXTENSION FOR COMMENT RESPONSE AND PLAN FOR DOCUMENT UPDATE: REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE 100-DR-1, 100-DR-2, 100-HR-1, 100-HR-2, AND 100-HR-3 OPERABLE UNITS, DOE/RL-2010-95, DRAFT A AND PROPOSED PLAN FOR REMEDIATION OF THE 100-DR-1, 100-DR-2, 100-HR-1, 100-HR-2, AND 100-HR-3 OPERABLE UNITS, DOE/RL-2011-111, DRAFT A

On March 12, 2013, the U.S. Department of Energy Richland Operations Office (RL) received State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) comments on the subject Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS).

On April 10, 2013 and July 8, 2013, in accordance with Section 9.2.1 of the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Tri-Party Agreement), 89-10, Revision 8, RL requested 90-day extensions to the Tri-Party Agreement requirement to either update the documents within 45 days of receipt of the comments, or prepare responses to Ecology's comments and provide a plan for document update within 30 days (13-AMRP-0153 and 13-AMRP-0249).

During this 180-day period, RL and contractor personnel have been working closely with Ecology staff on resolution of the comments. To date, RL has provided proposed responses to approximately 90 percent of the more than 600 comments on the RI/FS document. RL and Ecology have reached agreement on resolution of approximately 80 percent of the comments. Due to the complex nature of the RI/FS document, there are still several outstanding issues that require further discussion with Ecology staff and management.

Accordingly, RL is requesting an additional 90-day extension to January 7, 2014, to prepare responses to Ecology's comments and provide a plan for document update. RL continues to meet with Ecology staff regularly to work through issues. This extension request has been discussed with Nina Menard of your staff. Please advise RL as soon as possible if there are any concerns with this request for extension.


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If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Briant Charboneau, of my staff, on (509) 376-6137.

Sincerely,



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